

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A canvass assembly, comprising: ~~A strip for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating,~~  
**a canvass, wherein the canvass is coated with a plastic coating; and**  
**a strip,** wherein said strip comprises at least one elongated metal member and a matrix of a thermoplastic material, said thermoplastic material being extruded on said elongated metal member and said thermoplastic material being adherable to said plastic coating of said canvas, wherein said elongated metal member is coated with a primer layer and said thermoplastic material is extruded on the coated metal member, and wherein said thermoplastic material adheres to said elongated metal member;  
**wherein the strip is welded to the canvass such that the thermoplastic material adheres to the plastic coating of the canvass.**

2. – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) ~~A strip according to claim 1,~~ **A strip for reinforcement of canvasses having a plastic coating, wherein said strip comprises at least one elongated metal member and a matrix of a thermoplastic material, said thermoplastic material being extruded on said elongated metal member and said thermoplastic material being adherable to said plastic coating of said canvas, wherein said elongated metal member is coated with a primer layer and said thermoplastic material is extruded on the coated metal member, and wherein said thermoplastic material adheres to said elongated metal member,** wherein said metal member is a wire with a rounded I-profile.

13. – 20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A method to weld a strip comprising at least one elongated metal member and a thermoplastic material on a canvass having a plastic coating, the method comprising the actions of:

- providing at least one elongated metal member;
- applying a primer layer on the elongated metal member to obtain a coated metal member;
- incorporating the coated metal member in a matrix of a thermoplastic material to provide a strip; and
- welding the strip on the canvass to adhere the thermoplastic material to the plastic coating of the canvass.

22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the primer layer comprises a thermosetting material.

23. (New) A method according to claim 22, wherein the thermosetting material is selected from the group consisting of acrylate based resins, epoxy based resins or alkyd base resins.

24. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the primer layer comprises a hot melt.

25. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein the hot melt is selected from the group consisting of ethylene copolymers, polyamides or polyesters.

26. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the primer layer comprises a bifunctional silane compound.

27. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the thermoplastic material is polyvinylchloride.

28. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the thermoplastic material is a polyvinylchloride compound.
29. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than  $1500 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
30. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the metal member is a flat wire with a tensile strength greater than  $1700 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
31. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the metal member is a flat wire with a thickness of less than 0.35 mm.
32. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the metal member is a flat wire with a rounded I-profile.
33. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the metal member is a steel wire with a carbon content of at least 0.40%.
34. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the metal member comprises at least two metal members.
35. (New) A method according to claim 34, wherein the metal members are located parallel in the plane of the strip, each metal member being in contact with at least one other metal member.
36. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the metal member is coated with a zinc layer or with a zinc alloy layer.
37. (New) A method to weld a fabric on a canvass having a plastic coating; the fabric comprising a warp and a weft, at least one of the warp and the weft being formed by a strip, the strip comprising at least one elongated metal member and a matrix of a thermoplastic material, the elongated metal member being coated with a primer layer before being incorporated in the matrix.

38. (New) A method according to claim 37, wherein both the warp and the weft are formed by the strip.
39. (New) A method according to claim 37, comprising welding the strip to the canvass to adhere the thermoplastic material to the plastic coating of the canvass.
40. (New) A method according to claim 38, comprising welding the strip to the canvass to adhere the thermoplastic material to the plastic coating of the canvass.